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HOLD FOR OPENING OF BUSINESS

1. INFORMATION AT THIS TIME ON USSR ACTIONS AND INTENTIONS IS SKETCHY AND WE SEE NO ADVANTAGE TO FORMAL NATO STATEMENT WHICH COULD SERVE TO ESCALATE PRESS COVERAGE OF SOVIET CRITICISMS. NATO SPOKESMAN AND INDIVIDUAL GOVTS SHOULD, OF COURSE, RESPOND TO PRESS INQUIRIES WITH FACTUAL STATEMENTS ON THE SIZE AND FREQUENCY OF NATO MANEUVERS, AND THE STEPS WE HAVE TAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE CSCE FINAL ACT. WE DO NOT WISH, HOWEVER, TO BECOME ENGAGED AT THIS TIME IN PUBLIC DEBATE WITH SOVIET MEDIA OVER EITHER OUR INTERPRETATION OF
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CSCE OR OUR CONDUCT OF MILITARY MANEUVERS.

2. IF OTHER ALLIES ARE INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING SOME
FURTHER PRESS GUIDANCE, WE ARE WILLING TO CONSIDER HAVING
NATO PRESS SPOKESMAN PROVIDED WITH MATERIAL WHICH HE CAN
USE ON BACKGROUND BASIS, IF ASKED. WE WOULD, HOWEVER,

WISH TO HAVE ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON
PRESS MATERIAL, TO ENSURE ACCURACY, BEFORE ANY
AUTHORIZATION IS GIVEN TO PRESS SPOKESMAN. KISSINGER

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